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Applicants: Antignani et al.

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Examiner: R. Gitomer

For: **ADDITIVE FORMULATION AND METHOD OF USE THEREOF**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Sir:

This is submitted in response to the Office Action mailed on July 12, 2001, for which a Petition for a Three-Month Extension of Time to November 12, 2001 and the requisite fee is enclosed.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel 19-23 without prejudice.

REMARKS

Claims 19-23 having been canceled without prejudice in response to a restriction requirement, Claims 1-18 now remain in this application.

Applicants respectfully submit that the amendment has been made in good faith, that no new matter has been added and that the Claims are in proper form for allowance.

The examiner has requested an election of subject matter pursuant to a restriction requirement under 35 U.S.C. §121 to one of the following groups:

- I. Claims 1-18, drawn to a composition of heparinase, classified in class 435, subclass 13.

- II. Claim 19, drawn to a method of eliminating the effects of heparin, classified in class 435, subclass 2.
- III. Claim 20, drawn to a method for preparing a composition of heparinase, classified in class 435, subclass 13.
- IV. Claims 21-22, drawn to a tube for preparing heparin, unclassifiable.
- V. Claim 23, drawn to a method for making a tube, unclassifiable.

In response to the restriction requirement, applicants elect without traverse, Group I, Claims 1-18, drawn to a composition of heparinase.

Applicants expressly reserve the right to the non-elected subject matter including the right to file one or more continuation and/or divisional applications to that subject matter, as now embraced in non-elected Claims 19-23.

CONCLUSION

Applicants respectfully submit that Claims 1-18 are in proper form for allowance.

Respectfully submitted,

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